

Bowen

MINUTES OF THE MEETING BOARD OF DIRECTORS FCPAA APRIL 8, 1984

Additions to Agenda Ziskind asked that an item dealing with Gay Pride Day be added to the agenda.

Minutes of Previous Meeting Minutes not yet photocopied. They will be photocopied and ready for distribution and approval at the next Board meeting.

Treasurer's Report Bowen prepared and distributed the income statement for the month of March 1984 (copy attached to minutes). Bowen reported that on the basis of a review of our accounts by the auditor, it appears that former treasurer Heger owes FCPAA approximately \$13,700. Bowen instructed the auditor to look at balance sheet accounts rather than at how we spent money last year. Sumner indicated that the auditor's report is needed to apply for directors and officers liability insurance. Bowen reported we are discussing last year's problems with the IRS. Although Heger apparently filed for an extension, the IRS is still asking for \$650 plus interest, and has threatened to attach our bank accounts. Bowen also reported that we have been operating under an advanced determination of non-profit status. We are expecting D.C. Tax Exempt status approval within the next week.

Spring Concert Report Maddox reported on the income and expense statements for the Spring Concert (copy attached). Sabacek praised Maddox for the great job he did as Spring Concert Producer. The Board gave Maddox a rousing hand.

June Concert Sumner reported that the agreement with the New York City Gay Men's Chorus has been signed. The document was reviewed by both Bowen and Janus. The basic arrangement calls for each Chorus producing its own concert and taking the profits from that. Although our application with Lisner has been approved the contract has not yet been signed. However, based on approval, we have permission to go ahead and publicize our concert at Lisner. The questionnaire on who can go to New York has been distributed and approximately 2/3 are back, with 58 affirmative. Anticipate between 70-75 singers in NYC. The PR/Publications Committee has set the schedule for fliers, posters, ads, etc. Probable concert title will be "Together Again for the Very First Time." Possibility of trying a display ad in the Washington Post; also discussion of a joint ad with NYC in the Advocate. The latter would cost approximately \$540. Sumner indicated that nothing has to be approved right now. Waldo indicated that he fully supports a display ad in the Post. The question came up of ensuring that an adequate number of programs would be printed. This will be pursued. Sumner indicated that we may go beyond the original money projected for musicians. He also indicated that one of the big remaining unknowns is whether we will pay for our members transportation to NYC. Sumner indicated that current projections indicate that even if we were to allocate \$2000 for transportation, we have the potential of a \$9000 profit. Bob Edwards has ascertained that round trip transpor

tation can run \$35-40 per person. After several alternate suggestions, it was agreed upon that we budget \$2000, and divide this among those who will be going to New York City.

Fundraising Sobus reported that our mailing list has now grown to more than 2300 names, and it is beginning to present problems. To handle this list efficiently, he has been investigating professional firms which can perform data entry, maintenance and mail work. Sobus has prepared a handout on approximate cost of such a service (copy attached). Sobus moved that we secure a minimum of three bids from reputable houses to enter and maintain our data file. Discussion followed on the desirability of this, and the concerns with confidentiality. Sabacek indicated that he has received a brochure from Gail Brown and Company, affiliated with IPI Graphics, who are involved in this function. The motion passed. Sobus announced receiving a \$100 donation from the National Bank of Washington. Other events discussed by Sobus was an annual Fundraising Event. We have reached the point where we can have something like a Black Tie \$50 per person event at an Embassy or other similar location, with members of the Chorus entertaining. Herman raised the concern on the part of Bernhardt, coordinator of the upcoming Follies fundraiser with the lack of participation on the part of the membership. Discussion was held on how best to encourage increased membership support of this event without trying to pressure unfairly knowing the sensitive and controversial nature of this event.

Gay Pride Week Ziskind has been in contact with the individuals running Gay Pride Day. The theme will be unity in '84. We have been asked if we would do a mini Wolf Trap on Wednesday June 13. Ziskind indicated that he would discuss it with the Board, and requested a consensus on the part of the Board. We will tentatively kick off Gay Pride Day activities by singing on the stage with NYCGMC. Ziskind moved to offer a cameo appearance on June 13, with the appearance of the small ensembles. Sumner seconded. During the discussion, Sumner indicated that he was concerned that we make sure we don't give away our concert on the Wednesday before the Saturday night we appear for a paying audience. Perhaps a fifteen minute promotion but not the entire Wednesday evening concert. Maddox indicated great concern with the fact that with the facilities they provided last year, we could lose people. Richardson wanted to make sure we handle things properly to avoid the possible projection of an elitist attitude. Sisson indicated that he has the same concern with the small ensembles as with the group as a whole - limited repertoire, and don't want to give away Saturday program on Wednesday evening. Dudley agreed with Maddox that with the poor facilities of last year, it is possible we could lose people. Sabacek felt we should do something if we could get some production control. Maddox presented the alternate possibility of doing something on the Sunday before Gay Pride Day at the P Stree Beach when it was full. Ziskind's original motion was defeated. Ziskind then moved that the Chorus propose to P Street that we perform

on their behalf as a kickoff to Gay Pride Week on Sunday June 10 in lieu of Wednesday June 13 if P Street does the miking, etc. The motion to sing at P Street on June 10 was passed. Ziskind will pursue this with the appropriate parties.

Invitation to Glen Echo Park Bowen indicated that a friend of Tom Fleming had approached the Chorus about appearing at State of the Arts Day at Glen Echo Park on June 10. Trinkley felt that one appearance on that day would be sufficient and more would be undesirable. He felt that perhaps Glen Echo was a better setting for Potomac Fever.

Gay Pride Day Appearance Ziskind moved that the full Chorus appear on stage for approximately twenty minutes, and will be first on the program. Waldo seconded. The motion was passed.

D.C. Sports Association Invitation D.C. Sports Association has requested that representatives of the Chorus appear at the opening of the volleyball tournament to sing the American and Canadian National Anthems. This would be early in the morning on a holiday weekend, and it was felt that we could not commit ourselves to this, and would respectfully decline the invitation.

Comp Ticket Policy Deferred.

Nominations and Elections Committee Bowen recommends that Hal Norvell, Bob Wonneberger, Wade Peed and Steve Herman (ex officio) be appointed as the Nominations and Election Committee. Maddox moved approval of these individuals. Sisson seconded and the motion was carried.

Fees to Arrange Rain and Rainbows The fee to do this has been set at \$350 through correspondence between the copyright holder and Janus. Waldo moved to pay the \$350. The motion was passed with Sabacek voting no.

Hanukkah Piece Several choruses have voiced an interest in commissioning a ten minute TTBB Hanukkah piece with piano accompaniment. The individual to do this has quoted a price of \$2500. So far Seattle, LA, and NYC have committed themselves. Maddox moves that we commit up to \$625 to contribute to the composition of this piece. The motion was carried.